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## Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.:  
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:  
  
Although claims 79-129 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound.
2. ☒ Claims Nos.:  
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:  
see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/16A/010  
It does not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:  
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

## Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:  
see additional sheet

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1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
  2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
  3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
  4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

- ☒ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.  
☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

## FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Continuation of Box I.2

Claims Nos.: 7-12, 25-27, 34-39, 58-63, 76-78, 85-90, 109-114, 127-129, 136-141, 160-165, 178-180 (all partially)

The initial phase of the search revealed a very large number of documents relevant to the issue of novelty. So many documents were retrieved that it is impossible to determine which parts of the claims may be said to define subject-matter for which protection might legitimately be sought (Article 6 PCT). For these reasons it appears impossible to execute a meaningful search and/or to issue a complete search report over the whole breadth of the above mentioned claims. Consequently, the search has been restricted to the compounds of the above mentioned claims where R6 is methyl, ethyl, propyl, butyl, CF<sub>3</sub> or Br-vinyl. Furthermore, in the case where R6 is methyl for compounds XI, XIV, XVII, or XVIII of the above mentioned claims, only several documents were cited.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA 210

This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims: 1,4,13-18,25-27 (in part),28,31,40-45,52,55,64-69,76-78 (in part),79,82,91-96,103,106,115-120,127-129 (in part),130,133,142-147,154,157,166-171,178 (in part),180 (in part)

Compounds of Formula I of claim 1 or compounds of Formula IV of claim 4, pharmaceutical compositions and uses pertaining thereto.

2. Claims: 2,5,19-24,25-27 (in part),29,32,46-51,53,56,70-75,76-78 (in part),80,83,97-102,104,107,121-126,127-129 (in part),131,134,148-153,155,158,172-177,178 (in part),179, 180 (in part)

Compounds of Formula II of claim 2 or compounds of Formula V of claim 5, pharmaceutical compositions and uses pertaining thereto.

3. Claims: 3,6,25-27 (in part),30,33,54,57,76-78 (in part),81,84,105,108,127-129 (in part),132,135,156,159,178 (in part),180 (in part)

Compounds of Formula III of claim 3 or compounds of Formula VI of claim 6, pharmaceutical compositions and uses pertaining thereto.

4. Claims: 7,25-27 (in part),34,58,76-78 (in part),85,109,127-129 (in part),136,160,178 (in part),180 (in part)

Compounds of Formulae VII or VIII or IX of claim 7, pharmaceutical compositions and uses pertaining thereto, where the compounds do not fall within one of the earlier described subjects.

5. Claims: 8,25-27 (in part),35,59,76-78 (in part),86,110,127-129 (in part),137,161,178 (in part),180 (in part)

Compounds of Formulae X or XI or XII of claim 8, pharmaceutical compositions and uses pertaining thereto, where the compounds do not fall within one of the earlier described subjects.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

6. Claims: 9,25-27 (in part),36,60,76-78 (in part),87,111,  
127-129 (in part),138,162,178 (in part),  
180 (in part)

Compounds of Formulae XIII or XIV or XV of claim 9,  
pharmaceutical compositions and uses pertaining thereto,  
where the compounds do not fall within one of the earlier  
described subjects.

7. Claims: 10, 25-27 (in part),37,61,76-78 (in part),88,112,  
127-129 (in part),139,163,178 (in part),  
180 (in part)

Compounds of Formula XVI of claim 10, pharmaceutical  
compositions and uses pertaining thereto, where the  
compounds do not fall within one of the earlier described  
subjects.

8. Claims: 11,25-27 (in part),38,62,76-78 (in part),89,113,  
127-129 (in part),140,164,178 (in part),  
180 (in part)

Compounds of Formula XVII of claim 11, pharmaceutical  
compositions and uses pertaining thereto, where the  
compounds do not fall within one of the earlier described  
subjects.

9. Claims: 12,25-27 (in part),39,63,76-78 (in part),90,114,  
127-129 (in part),141,165,178 (in part),  
180 (in part)

Compounds of Formula XVIII of claim 12, pharmaceutical  
compositions and uses pertaining thereto, where the  
compounds do not fall within one of the earlier described  
subjects.



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